

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1999-001-E - ORDER NO. 1999-230  
MARCH 31, 1999

IN RE: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs ) ORDER GRANTING  
of Carolina Power & Light Company. ) PETITION TO  
 ) STIPULATE  
 ) TESTIMONY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the petition of Carolina Power & Light Company ("CP&L") requesting Commission approval to stipulate testimony of a CP&L witness into the record of the hearing scheduled for this docket.

By its petition, CP&L informs the Commission that the hearing for CP&L's annual fuel cost recovery was originally scheduled for March 24, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. Shortly after the notice of the hearing was issued, the hearing was changed to March 23, 1999, at 2:30 p.m. On March 16, 1999, the Commission voted to reschedule the hearing back to the original date and time of March 24, 1999, at 10:30 a.m.

CP&L informs the Commission that CP&L witness William R. Knight, in reliance upon the scheduling of the hearing for March 23, 1999, made certain business commitments that require him to be in Greenville, South Carolina on March 24, 1999. CP&L further informs the Commission that cancellation of the commitments will be very difficult. Therefore, CP&L requests that the Commission allow Mr. Knight's testimony to

be inserted into the record without Mr. Knight having to appear at the hearing now rescheduled for March 24, 1999, at 10:30 a.m.

CP&L further informs the Commission that it has contacted the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina, an intervenor in the docket, and the Commission Staff and that both parties agree to allow Mr. Knight's testimony to be stipulated into the record without Mr. Knight having to appear as a witness. Further, the Commission Staff informs the Commission that CP&L has filed a verification from Mr. Knight attesting to his previously filed testimony.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds and concludes in the interest of fairness that the prefiled testimony of William R. Knight should be stipulated into the record of the hearing in this docket. In deciding this matter, the Commission notes that verification of the testimony has been received by the Commission and further notes that no party has an objection to stipulating the testimony into the record of the hearing.

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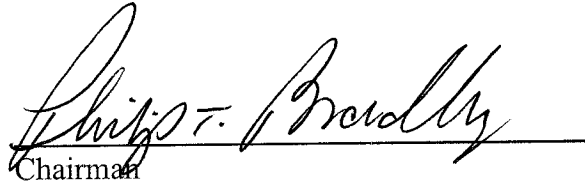
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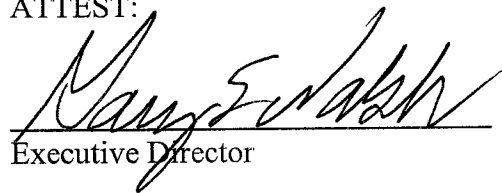
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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